

1 here's another, DiCiaccio. Brittany Kress and Vincent  
2 Berry.

3 If I've read your name, if you'd come up to the  
4 front row, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

5 MS. SAFFORD: Yes, my name is Diane Safford, and I  
6 live in Port Hueneme, I'm representing myself. I'm also a  
7 former Navy employee, a retired Navy employee, like some  
8 other people here, but I am not paid by anybody to say  
9 anything, and I do live in this community, I have not come  
10 from another area.

11 I'd like to make two points. One is that when I  
12 was in the Navy, I was stationed over in Italy for some  
13 time, over in Naples, Italy, and Naples has a -- one of the  
14 problems that Naples has is they have recurrent droughts.  
15 When the droughts hit, their mechanism of dealing with that  
16 was to shut the water off in certain areas of the city.  
17 What areas of the city did they select, they selected the  
18 areas where the poor people live. They certainly didn't  
19 select the areas where the wealthy and the powerful lived,  
20 or the mob people lived.

21 The other -- I think there's a definite analogy  
22 here. I think we're being selected because we're not a  
23 powerful community, we're not a wealthy community. This  
24 would never happen in a wealthy and powerful community.

25 Now, the other point I'd like to make is that I

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The USCG, MARAD, and the CLSC received an application for a deepwater port off the shore of Ventura County. The USCG and MARAD are therefore required under NEPA to evaluate this alternative as the Applicant's preferred alternative. The agencies have evaluated this alternative in comparison with the other reasonable alternatives in compliance with NEPA and the CEQA.

The EIS/EIR initially evaluated 18 locations for the FSRU as potential locations for the deepwater port. It built on previous California Coastal Commission studies that evaluated nearly 100 locations. Section 3.3.7 contains information on other locations that were considered.

Section 4.19 contains information on environmental justice impacts.

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1 was an auditor with the General Accounting Office, before I  
2 took the job with the Navy, and I can tell you about the  
3 discussion I had with the regional manager of the L.A.  
4 Office of the GAO, the first day I walked into the office.

5 He said, "you've heard that the GAO is an  
6 apolitical organization," he said, "don't you believe it."  
7 And I went on to learn exactly what he meant.

8 And I challenge, I challenge the independence of  
9 the studies and the analyses that are going into this. You  
10 rarely see that politics is not a factor.

11 Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Jose Laza? Jose Laza?  
14 Veronica Vasquez? Aaron Papazido?

15 Are you Aaron?

16 MR. PAPAZIAN: Yes.

17 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Okay, thank you. Just give  
18 us your name, please, and maybe you can spell it for us,  
19 because I can't quite make it out.

20 MR. PAPAZIAN: Oh, Papazian. My name's Aaron  
21 Papazian, P-a-p-a-z-i-a-n.

22 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Thank you.

23 MR. PAPAZIAN: And I'm a student, and I just have  
24 been hearing everyone's cases, and I've just been a little  
25 concerned about the future, and we're running out of

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MARAD, the USCG, and the CSLC selected an environmental contractor to independently verify the information in the Cabrillo Port deepwater port application, which has also been reviewed by other State and Federal agencies that have responsibilities related to the proposed Project.

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1 resources, and the fact that LNG is the safest fossil fuel,  
2 and it's the -- basically, it's the best energy that we  
3 could look at for the future.

4 Yes, there's other resources that we could look  
5 at, but we're running out quickly, and who knows what it's  
6 going to be like for the future, and the kids.

7 If we could get -- considering it is the most  
8 efficient, as it pollutes less of any other fossil fuels, it  
9 would be great if, in the future, we could see more of the  
10 cars that are produced by -- that are -- excuse me, that are  
11 run by natural gases, such as I've seen trolleys, and for  
12 the community, with -- that's been powered by natural gas.  
13 And that would be great to see in the future because, I  
14 mean, we're just polluting so much nowadays that who knows  
15 what the future will be like. So it would be great if we  
16 could help keep it a little cleaner.

17 Thank you.

18 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Thank you.

19 Patrick DiCiaccio.

20 MR. DI CIACCIO: My name is Patrick DiCiaccio, I'm  
21 also a student. I have done some research in my classes on  
22 fossil fuels and the burning of fossil fuels. I am slightly  
23 familiar with LNG, probably not to the point that people who  
24 have spoken, up until now, but judging from my generation,  
25 and the people that I have spoken with on this topic.

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1           Someone told me, once, that taking a risk is  
2 almost one of the most important things you need to do in  
3 finding a success. And I'm not at all saying that putting  
4 these people and lives in risk, as these people have said,  
5 as a viable or a reason to do so, because I don't believe  
6 that there is a risk. I believe in the safety of LNG and I  
7 believe in its effectiveness, and I think that it's a good  
8 option for the future, as Aaron spoke for, before.

9           MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Thank you.

10          The next speaker is Brittany Kress.

11          MS. KRESS: Hi, my name's Brittany. I'm a  
12 student, as well.

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13          MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Could you speak into the  
14 microphone?

15          MS. KRESS: Yes.

16          MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Thank you.

17          MS. KRESS: I just wanted to bring out the fact  
18 that every day demands for the natural gas grows in our  
19 country, and every day the North American supply decreases.

20          I worry, we have things like the energy crisis,  
21 and blackouts that hang over our head, and linger. And I  
22 worry in big cities we're not going to have enough resources  
23 for our future. I want my kids -- I don't want to have to  
24 worry that they're not heating their homes, or that they're  
25 living in the dark because there's not enough energy for

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1 their city.

2 And I think having this port, off the shore, would  
3 bring the energy and the natural gases that we need. It  
4 would bring it in a safe, clean, and money-efficient, and  
5 supply-efficient, as well.

6 Thank you.

7 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Thank you.

8 The next speaker is Vincent Berry. The next  
9 speakers after that are Adrienne Gould, Lupe Ortiz, Al  
10 Velasquez, Deirdre Frank, Rachel Pratt, and Margaret  
11 Cortez -- or Cortese.

12 If you would use this front row in front of me, if  
13 I've called your name? Thank you very much.

14 MR. BERRY: My name is Vincent Berry, and I'm a  
15 student at UCLA, studying quantum physics. And basically I  
16 just want to say that my father lives in Port Hueneme, and I  
17 used to, as well.

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18 And you know, there is a risk, definitely, but  
19 it's a definite fact that we're going to run out of  
20 resources. And you know, if we have to take a risk to  
21 ensure that we won't then, you know, that's what we need to  
22 do.

23 And basically, everyone else summarized what I  
24 wanted to say. But that's about it, thank you.

25 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Thank you.

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1 The next speaker is Adrienne Gould.

2 Lupe Ortiz?

3 MS. ORTIZ: My name is Lupe Ortiz. I've lived in  
4 Oxnard almost all my life. I have a husband, a son, a  
5 mother, brothers and sisters that have lived in Oxnard all  
6 their lives. I don't believe that we will run out of energy  
7 sources is a fact, and I don't believe that there's enough  
8 documentation that it's been shown that we need LNG in  
9 Oxnard. And I don't believe that the safety concerns have  
10 been properly addressed.

11 Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: The next speaker is  
14 Al Velasquez. Deirdre Frank?

15 Oh, are you Mr. Velasquez?

16 MR. VELASQUEZ: Yes. All right.

17 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Yes. If you would, if I  
18 call your name, use the reserved seating, that way I won't  
19 pass over you.

20 Thanks, you're next. Al Velasquez.

21 MR. VELASQUEZ: Thank you. My name is Al  
22 Velasquez. I was born and raised in Oxnard 60 years ago.  
23 I'm not a stranger to this community.

24 I'm here to oppose this LNG plant for a number of  
25 reasons, but I'm not going to be redundant. I think you've

T005-53.1

Section 1.2.3 contains updated information on natural gas needs in California. Forecast information has been obtained from the California Energy Commission.

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Section 4.2 and Appendix C contain additional and revised information on public safety.

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1 heard all the opposition over and over.

2 But I do want to thank all the experts that came  
3 here and expressed their views concerning the safety factor,  
4 and it went on and on.

5 See, this is one of the -- that's one of the  
6 reasons why I'm having trouble accepting this project here,  
7 in Oxnard. After all these professionals and experts have  
8 testified, or expressed their views tonight, and came  
9 forward, if it's that safe, why has it been rejected from  
10 the other states, other countries. I'm having difficulty  
11 with that, that's one reason.

12 The other reason, which you've heard before, I've  
13 reviewed the proposed new lines that are going to be laid  
14 out, and one of those lines that I have a little concern  
15 with -- well, actually, I have a concern with all of them.

16 But there's one line that runs down Gonzales Road.  
17 Matter of fact, both of the proposed plants, the Cabrillo,  
18 and the one off the Ormond Beach, both run down Gonzales,  
19 they're proposing to run down Gonzales.

20 The Cabrillo comes down Rice, between Rose, and  
21 that's -- we have a school there. It's highly densified.  
22 When they put new projects in there, because I follow the  
23 development of this community, we have what they call  
24 density bonuses. What that simply means is, when that  
25 project goes in they're allowed to put double, or a

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The Independent Risk Assessment (IRA) has been updated since issuance of the October 2004 Draft EIS/EIR. The lead agencies directed preparation of the current IRA, and the U.S. Department of Energy's Sandia National Laboratories independently reviewed it, as discussed in Section 4.2 and Appendix C.

Section 4.2.7.6 and the IRA (Appendix C1) discuss the models and assumptions used and the verification process. Sandia National Laboratories (Appendix C2) concluded that the models used were appropriate and produced valid results.

Section 4.2.8 contains information on safety requirements for pipelines. Section 4.13.1 discusses the proximity of the proposed pipeline routes to residences and schools.

T005-54.2

The Project has been modified since issuance of the October 2004 Draft EIS/EIR. See Figure 3.4-2 for the routes of the proposed Center Road Pipeline and its alternatives. The Santa Barbara Channel/Mandalay Shore Crossing/Gonzales Road Pipeline Alternative is evaluated as an alternative in the EIS/EIR; it is not the proposed Project as described in Section 2.4.

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The Project has been modified since issuance of the October 2004 Draft EIS/EIR. The route described is the Center Road Pipeline Alternative 1, which was the route proposed in the original application. Section 3.4.4.1 contains additional information on this topic.

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1 tremendous increase of residents in that particular area,  
2 which is the corridor to that pipeline.

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3 I have a problem and serious concern, the  
4 proximity to the Pacific High School, as was mentioned  
5 earlier -- one minute to go? Oh, boy, I've got a lot to  
6 say.

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7 But we have the school issue, we have the Pacific,  
8 the Oxnard, the Somis. Camarillo needs to get onboard,  
9 Somis has to, because you're running that pipeline next to  
10 the Mesa Elementary School Board school, in Somis.

11 So there's a lot of issues here that talk about  
12 the environment. So all in all, at this time in point, all  
13 I can say right now, and I'm going to respond to another  
14 gentlemen who made a comment, this project is the wrong  
15 project, at the wrong place, at the wrong time. So I oppose  
16 this project at this point.

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17 (Applause.)

18 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Deirdre Frank? Rachel  
19 Pratt?

20 MS. PRATT: I'll pass.

21 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Okay. Margaret Cortese?

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22 MS. CORTESE: I am Margaret Cortese. I live and  
23 work within spitting distance of one of the proposed lines  
24 for the high pressure delivery of the LNG. I'm also keenly  
25 aware that I live on an alluvial plain that is characterized

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Section 4.13.1 contains information on sensitive land uses in proximity to proposed and alternative pipeline routes, such as schools. There are no schools in the immediate vicinity of either of the proposed pipeline routes. Section 4.2.8 describes regulations regarding pipelines, including the requirement to establish public education programs to prevent and respond to pipeline emergencies. Section 4.2.8.4 contains information on the estimated risk of Project pipeline incidents. Section 4.16.1.2 describes emergency planning and response capabilities in the Project area.

The proposed pipelines within Oxnard city limits would meet standards that are more stringent than those of existing pipelines because they would meet the minimum design criteria for a U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Class 3 location. Also, MM PS-4c includes the installation of additional mainline valves equipped with either remote valve controls or automatic line break controls. SoCalGas operates high-pressure natural gas pipelines throughout Southern California.

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Section 4.11.1.6 discusses the risks of liquefaction.

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Section 4.11.1.6 and Impact GEO-5 in Section 4.11.4 contain additional information on liquefaction and design measures that would be implemented to avoid damage to a pipeline from liquefaction.



1 as having high liquefaction risk in an earthquake.

2 So I oppose the LNG facility and piping of the gas  
3 to the distribution valves because of safety concerns.

4 I share all of the other expressions of concern  
5 for the schools, hospitals, residents that are going to be  
6 affected by this.

7 So I just want to lend my name and my voice in  
8 opposition to the LNG facility, and in particular because of  
9 the safety concerns of an alluvial plain.

10 Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: The next speakers that I  
13 have cards for are Irene Rauschenburger, Chuck Bartlett,  
14 Audrey Albert, Marjorie Cole, Wil Albert, Casey Walker, and  
15 Joseph O'Neill.

16 If I've called your name, if you would come to the  
17 front row and be prepared to speak?

18 The next speaker's Irene Rauschenburger.

19 MS. RAUSCHENBURGER: My name's Irene  
20 Rauschenburger and I'm a lifelong resident of Oxnard. I  
21 live near Gonzales Road.

22 I oppose the LNG issue and for the many reasons  
23 that were already cited. A particular one is a comment that  
24 I work for the County of Ventura -- although I'm  
25 representing myself here, I work for the County of Ventura.

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T005-55.2

Sections 4.2.4, 4.2.7.3 and 4.2.8.2 identify agencies with the authority and responsibility for safety standards, design reviews, and compliance inspections. Section 2.1 and Appendix C3-2 identify applicable safety standards.

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1 And I work at Public Health, and Public Health runs many  
2 programs for the community.

3 My job is to bill the State for revenues to run  
4 these public health programs. And one of the programs that  
5 I bill is a bioterrorism grant, which we spend millions of  
6 dollars on labor and operational cost.

7 And I believe that the State obviously feels that  
8 there's a threat of bioterrorism in this area and,  
9 therefore, I wonder why they would be putting in such a  
10 facility here. It doesn't make sense.

11 Another reason I am opposed to this, because I'm  
12 an environmentalist, and feel that we live in paradise here,  
13 in this area, and would hate to see this area devastated in  
14 any way.

15 I've also heard a recent report that there's a  
16 scientific community that reported that in Alaska there  
17 is -- due to global warming, there is glacial meltdown  
18 that's beyond the normal range, that's affecting the food  
19 chain clear down to the plankton. It's chilling and  
20 frightening, and I worry for the children of the future.

21 And I feel that the United States ought to  
22 support -- ought to support programs that stop using fossil  
23 fuels and use renewable, invest in renewable energies,  
24 quickly.

25 Reports show that, according to predictions, that

T005-56.2

Table 4.2-2 and Sections 4.2.6.1 and 4.2.7.6 contain information on the threat of terrorist attacks.

T005-56.3

Sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 address conservation and renewable energy sources, within the context of the California Energy Commission's 2005 Integrated Energy Report and other State and Federal energy reports, as alternatives to replace additional supplies of natural gas.

Sections 4.6.1.4 and 4.6.2 contain information on Project emissions of greenhouse gases and recent California legislation regarding emissions of greenhouse gases.

T005-56.3

1 there could be serious environmental impacts within 75  
2 years, and so I just find it frightening, and think that the  
3 United States ought to take the leadership in this  
4 direction.

T005-56.3  
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T005-57.1

Table 4.2-2 and Sections 4.2.6.1 and 4.2.7.6 contain information on the threat of terrorist attacks.

5 Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Thank you.

8 Chuck Bartlett? Audrey Albert?

9 MS. ALBERT: And thank you very much. So many of  
10 us have left already --

COMMENTER  
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11 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: State your name for us,  
12 please?

13 MS. ALBERT: It's Audrey Albert, I thought you  
14 said that. Okay.

15 So many have left already, and it's getting late,  
16 and I just wanted -- so many things have been said already,  
17 in a much more articulate manner, but I just wanted to stay  
18 and, you know, I hate to -- and add to the comments.

19 I think it's important that you know there's so  
20 many people -- you know, for every person that comes up here  
21 and talks, I think there's -- you know, there's a whole  
22 bunch of us that haven't been able to get up, to stay here,  
23 or maybe they're too scared to get up.

24 It seems every time I turn around there's some  
25 other threat to our coast, and there's so much going on

T005-57.1

1 already. In our small coastal area we have shipping lanes,  
2 we have the harbor, we have recreational craft, we have  
3 fishing craft. We have Navy aircraft buzzing the skies.  
4 There's missile testing. All kinds of things that we don't  
5 know about, you know, that the Navy has to do. A veritable  
6 beacon for terrorists, that's one thing.

T005-57.1  
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7 And we have to remember that there are occasional  
8 malfunctions. As you recall, a few years back, we had an  
9 aircraft, a Navy aircraft that crashed on Ormond Beach. I  
10 believe the pilots were killed. And I thought to myself, as  
11 I started hearing more and more about this project, my  
12 goodness, you know, what if we had the pipeline there? That  
13 could have been so much more horrific than it already was.

T005-57.2

14 We have, in addition to all the safety factors,  
15 you know, I just want to bring your attention, again, to the  
16 fact that we've been trying to get Ormond Beach to be  
17 something for our -- to be an eco-tourism kind of industry  
18 for us. I think that's the industry that we want to go  
19 towards rather than, you know, all this other industry  
20 that's coming into the area.

T005-57.3

21 We have a beautiful, beautiful wetland. And if it  
22 helps at all, you know, you recall even President Bush said  
23 that he supports wetlands. You know, maybe it was Florida  
24 he was thinking about, but we have to remember that we do  
25 have a beautiful wetland here, too. And I'm wondering,

T005-57.2

At Ormond Beach, the shore crossing required for the proposed Project would be installed at least 50 feet below the surface of the beach except at the end where it would slope up to meet the entry point. Proposed pipelines would be buried at least 3 feet below ground, which would reduce potential damage from a potential airplane crash. Section 4.17.3 contains information on local air operations.

T005-57.3

Section 4.13.2 contains information on the restoration efforts at Ormond Beach. The presence of the pipelines under Ormond Beach would not restrict access to the area for recreation or otherwise alter recreation opportunities at Ormond Beach. During construction, the horizontal directional boring activities would be contained within the Reliant Energy property, and the pipeline would be buried underneath the beach.



1 maybe he even would support it.

2 And I believe that, you know, in allowing  
3 industrial tramping on this very, very fragile land, in the  
4 end we're not going to be able to save it. I mean, we're  
5 trying so hard and it's just one thing after the other that  
6 we have to beat off. So please, please, please consider  
7 everything, you know, not just the industry.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Okay, the next speaker is  
11 Marjorie Cole.

12 MS. COLE: Marjorie Cole, from Port Hueneme.  
13 Thank you all for being here and listening to our concerns.

14 One of my concerns is that this proposal has been  
15 rushed through the community during holiday time. I  
16 certainly support the 60-day extension, although I would  
17 love the 30-year one.

18 (Laughter.)

19 MS. COLE: There are so many things to consider,  
20 as Audrey said. We have a beautiful California coastline.  
21 I live very close to the Ormond Wetlands. We have a tern  
22 sanctuary there. Environmental groups are working hard to  
23 protect it.

24 And I am not in favor of this project for many  
25 reasons, but one of them is because of Ormond Beach

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T005-57.4

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T005-58.1

All deepwater port applications fall under the authority of the Deepwater Port Act, which requires that a decision on the application be made within 330 days of the publication of the Notice of Application in the Federal Register. The Notice of Application for the Cabrillo Port Project was published in the Federal Register on January 27, 2004. Although the comment period (53 days) could not be extended at that time, a March 2006 Revised Draft EIR was recirculated under the CEQA for an additional public review period of 60 days. Section 1.4.1 contains additional information on this topic.

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Section 1.5 contains information on opportunities for public comment. After the MARAD final license hearing, the public will have 45 days to comment on the Final EIS/EIR and the license application. The Federal and State agencies will have an additional 45 days to provide comments to the MARAD Administrator. The Administrator must issue the Record of Decision within 90 days after the final license hearing. The CSLC will hold a hearing to certify the EIR and make the decision whether to grant a lease. The California Coastal Commission will also hold a hearing. Comments received will be evaluated before any final decision is made regarding the proposed Project.

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1 Wetlands.

2 I also don't like the idea of a floating platform  
3 14 miles out from sea, a terrorist target, if there ever was  
4 one.

T005-58.3

5 I also don't like all these things I've heard  
6 tonight about the pipelines -- the pipelines going so close  
7 to schools.

T005-58.4

8 I'm hoping we can preserve our beautiful community  
9 for my eight grandchildren, who love to come up and visit  
10 me, and take a walk on the beach, and see all the beauty we  
11 have.

12 And I ask that you think about what  
13 Marciella Morales, of the Port Hueneme City Council has  
14 stressed, if this project is approved and put in, the  
15 federal government will regulate it. They will have all the  
16 control. Our State will not have any control, and neither  
17 will our cities.

T005-58.5

18 Do we really want that? I don't think we do.

T005-58.6

19 Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Wil Albert.

22 MR. ALBERT: Hi, my name's Wil Albert. I promise  
23 not to use the word "mitigate." I'm a resident of Port  
24 Hueneme.

COMMENTER  
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25 During the Korean situation I was stationed at

T005-58.3

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1 White Sands Proving Grounds, and I was with mobile units  
2 that manufactured liquid oxygen and liquid nitrogen. I'll  
3 tell you, one of the big fears they had is oil. If you had  
4 a drop of oil, and you dropped it and it hit that liquid  
5 oxygen, it would go off like nitroglycerin. It was highly  
6 explosive.

7 I've seen the power of liquid gases. I haven't  
8 worked with natural gas. But anytime you see a rocket take  
9 off, a missile firing, you can see the power behind those  
10 fuels.

11 I think we have something like a 14-mile pipe bomb  
12 set up from the port of entry to Cabrillo, where the station  
13 is going to be for the transfer.

14 And one thing that disturbed me about the charts  
15 that were shown was one item on the end, that they called  
16 "unlikely scenario."

17 I'm a firm believer in Murphy's Law, anything that  
18 can go wrong, will go wrong.

19 Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: The next speakers I have on  
22 my list are Casey Walker, Joseph O'Neill, Hedda Markham, Kay  
23 Hoyt, and Dylan Donovan-Smith.

24 Casey Walker. Casey Walker?

25 Okay, Joseph O'Neill? Hedda -- yes?

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Section 4.2 and Appendix C contain additional and revised  
information on public safety.

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1 MR. O'NEILL: That's my name, sir.

2 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Oh, you were sitting there,  
3 okay. Joseph, go ahead.

4 MR. O'NEILL: Good evening, gentlemen, and  
5 Ms. Karpowicz. Ready? Hi.

6 MR. PRESCOTT: I apologize.

7 MR. O'NEILL: That's all right. My name is  
8 Joe O'Neill, and I'm a resident of this city.

9 I'm not an engineer, I'm not a sea captain, I  
10 don't work for the gas company. I'm only an attorney.

11 But first of all, I want to say that, as a  
12 resident of Oxnard, I appreciate my Mayor coming out and  
13 taking such a strong stand, and I thank him for that.

14 However, I want to address something that I've  
15 heard, and I don't want to repeat anything that's been said  
16 before.

17 But as to Mr. Olsen, from Australia, this is not  
18 an issue of diplomacy, it's not an issue of treaty. This is  
19 an issue of money. And you know, to sit back and say that  
20 this is great for Australia, thank you, is the same thing as  
21 saying for Mr. Olsen -- it's the same thing as saying that  
22 General Motors, that what's good for General Motors is good  
23 for the USA.

24 This is not about any type of international  
25 agreement. And I just want to bring it down to where I

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1 think it is, about money.

2 Because what I've noticed in this EIR is who is  
3 this company? Who is Billiton. I became concerned because  
4 I don't know anything about sailing a ship, but I do know  
5 about liability. And I do know about that if there is the  
6 possibility of some type of problem here, and there is an  
7 unfortunate circumstance, where does that leave us, in the  
8 City of Oxnard?

9 This is not WalMart, it's not Vaughn's, this is a  
10 large, international, multi-billion corporation that we are  
11 inviting into our neighborhood, and I'm concerned about  
12 that.

13 This 800-pound gorilla, once it gets in here, is  
14 going to dominate our local and State resources.

15 So I began to do some research on just what  
16 exactly Billiton is. They've got a tremendous amount of  
17 money.

18 And in my lifetime I have seen, as you have seen,  
19 a pool of, as someone said, experienced professionals coming  
20 here and saying, hey, cigarettes are good for you, they're  
21 not going to hurt you.

22 I've heard the same thing about God bless the  
23 Corvair. I've heard a lot of problems here. So when we  
24 bring up individuals, and I don't know what their background  
25 is, and they're telling us that we're safe, I've got a

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Section 4.2.5 contains information on liability in case of an accident and reimbursement for local agencies.

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Section 4.2 and Appendix C contain additional and revised information on public safety.

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1 problem with that. Because nothing occurs in a vacuum.

2 So like I say, I'm not a sea captain. I live in  
3 this town, and I sat in front of my computer, and I went on  
4 the internet and I found out about Billiton, and I found out  
5 about the environmental damage they have done, and I found  
6 out about their track record.

7 And if there was somebody from Billiton, who was  
8 here right now, I'd challenge you to come up here and tell  
9 me that there have never been problems in the past.

10 Now, this report takes everything that Billiton  
11 has provided to you, and it's accepted as gospel truth, as  
12 handed down from Moses, and man, this company has a problem.  
13 They have had significant issues involving liability,  
14 environmental destruction, not damage, destruction. And a  
15 complete, absolute apathy toward local and State  
16 regulations.

17 And gentlemen, thank you, Mr. Michaelson, thank  
18 you very much for your time, and I got you.

19 But again, I repeat my challenge, my number's in  
20 the phone book. If you want to talk about it, come on down  
21 here. But I challenge them to come on down and explain to  
22 you that they have never had a problem in the past and it  
23 won't happen again.

24 Thank you very much.

25 (Applause.)

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The Applicant is required to adhere to all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and permit requirements in the execution of all phases of the Project. Section 4.2.6 states, "The environmental and occupational safety record for the Applicant's worldwide operations, including, for example, mining ventures overseas, was not considered in evaluating potential public safety concerns associated with this Project because such operations are not directly comparable to the processes in the proposed Project." The conclusions in the EIS/EIR are based on the analyses of potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project and the implementation assumptions stated in Section 4.1.7. However, the Applicant's safety and environmental record will be taken into account by decision-makers when they consider the proposed Project.

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MARAD, the USCG, and the CSLC selected an environmental contractor to independently verify the information in the Cabrillo Port deepwater port application. These agencies have reviewed all the work completed, which has also been reviewed by other State and Federal agencies that have responsibilities related to the proposed Project.

**T005-60.5**

The lead agencies directed the preparation of the Independent Risk Assessment, and the U.S. Department of Energy's Sandia National Laboratories independently reviewed it, as discussed in Section 4.2 and Appendix C. (Section 4.2, Appendix C1, and Appendix C2 contain additional information on this topic.)

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Sections 4.2.4, 4.2.7.3 and 4.2.8.2 identify agencies with the authority and responsibility for safety standards, design reviews, and compliance inspections. Section 2.1 and Appendix C3-2 identify applicable safety standards.

The lead Federal and State agencies share the responsibility to ensure that mitigation measures are implemented.

Section 1.1.1 describes regulatory requirements of the Deepwater Port Act. Table 6.1-1 in Chapter 6 is the basis for the Mitigation



Monitoring Program, which would be implemented, consistent with Section 15097(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, to ensure that each mitigation measure is incorporated into Project design, construction, operation, and maintenance activities.

1 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Hedda Markham? Kay Hoyt?

2 MS. HOYT: That's a hard act to follow.

3 My name's Kay Hoyt, I've lived in this community  
4 for a number of years. My late husband was a physician  
5 here. I presently work with the homeless and the poor,  
6 Project Understanding. They're not here, to be representing  
7 here, tonight. I'm representing myself, however.

8 I just want to know why Santa Barbara or Malibu  
9 wasn't chosen? I think it's pretty obvious.

10 I'm concerned about the earthquake potential. I'm  
11 also concerned about the danger to our children. I'm  
12 opposed to LNG because of the danger to the citizens. I  
13 think they have a flagrant disregard of our safety and of  
14 the beauty of our coastline.

15 I want you seriously to present a report that  
16 shows some of the -- some of the alternative sources of  
17 energy.

18 My son, who's a graduate of the Air Force Academy,  
19 and worked at the Pentagon, and is now with an international  
20 company, is building and developing software chips. He's a  
21 senior software engineer, one of the head engineers there.  
22 He is approaching California and has approached, in the  
23 past, regarding the software chips that can be developed, be  
24 use to build smart houses. I left my heart on tonight. You  
25 know, with his chip, that would have been taken care of and

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The USCG, MARAD, and the CLSC received an application for a deepwater port off the shore of Ventura County. The USCG and MARAD are therefore required under NEPA to evaluate this alternative as the Applicant's preferred alternative. The agencies have evaluated this alternative in comparison with the other reasonable alternatives in compliance with NEPA and the CEQA.

The EIS/EIR initially evaluated 18 locations for the FSRU as potential locations for the deepwater port. It built on previous California Coastal Commission studies that evaluated nearly 100 locations. Section 3.3.7 contains information on other locations that were considered.

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Sections 4.11.1 and 4.11.3 discuss geologic hazards and mitigation measures to minimize potential impacts.

T005-61.3

Section 4.2 and Appendix C contain additional and revised information on public safety.

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The deepwater port would be 12.01 nautical miles (13.83 miles) offshore from the coastline, as shown on Figure ES-1. Section 4.4 and Appendix F contain information on visual resources, impacts, and mitigation. Appendix F describes how visibility from various distances was evaluated and provides additional simulations prepared for viewpoints at elevated sites along the Malibu coastline and inland areas.

T005-61.5

Sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 address conservation and renewable energy sources, within the context of the California Energy Commission's 2005 Integrated Energy Report and other State and Federal energy reports, as alternatives to replace additional supplies of natural gas.

1 we could save a lot of money.

2 So I really ask you, please, to look into the  
3 alternatives and, also, to the threat of earthquakes here.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Dylan Donovan-Smith.

7 MR. DONOVAN-SMITH: The reason why I don't want  
8 this plan --

9 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Dylan, I'm sorry, can you  
10 start with your name, it's a formality?

11 MR. DONOVAN-SMITH: Oh. Hi, my name's Dylan, last  
12 name's Donovan-Smith. I live in Ventura, in one of the  
13 mobile home parks. We don't really need this thing because  
14 we already have a power plant and I don't want this pipeline  
15 under my school. I don't want earthquakes coming and kind  
16 of cracking it. I want to grow up and have kids and,  
17 hopefully, go and catch a fish that's not already dead.

18 (Laughter.)

19 MR. DONOVAN-SMITH: So I don't want them to  
20 release it and not have it float up to the top and just kind  
21 of float away. So that's why I don't really want this  
22 plant, so who knows what I could do, this or that.

23 Thank you, bye.

24 (Applause.)

25 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: As we said, we'll stay here

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Sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 address conservation and renewable energy sources, within the context of the California Energy Commission's 2005 Integrated Energy Report and other State and Federal energy reports, as alternatives to replace additional supplies of natural gas. Section 4.11 contains information on potential earthquake hazards and mitigation measures to address such impacts.

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See the response to Comment T005-61.2.

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Section 1.2.3 contains updated information on natural gas needs in California. Forecast information has been obtained from the California Energy Commission.

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Section 4.13.1 contains information on sensitive land uses in proximity to proposed and alternative pipeline routes, such as schools. There are no schools in the immediate vicinity of either of the proposed pipeline routes. Section 4.2.8 describes regulations regarding pipelines, including the requirement to establish public education programs to prevent and respond to pipeline emergencies. Section 4.2.8.4 contains information on the estimated risk of Project pipeline incidents. Section 4.16.1.2 describes emergency planning and response capabilities in the Project area.

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The proposed pipelines within Oxnard city limits would meet standards that are more stringent than those of existing pipelines because they would meet the minimum design criteria for a U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Class 3 location. Also, MM PS-4c includes the installation of additional mainline valves equipped with either remote valve controls or automatic line break controls. SoCalGas operates high-pressure natural gas pipelines throughout Southern California.

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Section 4.11 contains revised information on seismic and geologic hazards and mitigation that specifically addresses the potential damage to proposed pipelines from a direct rupture along fault lines. Appendices J1 through J4 contain additional evaluations of seismic hazards.

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1 as long as we need to. I understand we have the facility  
2 until midnight, which should be long enough.

3 I still have a rather sizeable stack of cards,  
4 though, here.

5 So we're going to take a five-minute recess to  
6 allow people to take care of various necessities, since  
7 we've been here for about three hours. So please come back  
8 in five minutes and we'll get started again.

9 (Thereupon, a recess was taken.)

10 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Mackie Lindsey, Betty  
11 Eagle, Joni Kusnierz, it looks like. Clarissa Meeker,  
12 Valerie Dunwoody.

13 If I could just -- in case you came in late,  
14 there's a three-minute time limit. To make it easy for you  
15 to know when your time is up, I'll put up one finger when  
16 there's one minute left, and when your three minutes is up,  
17 I'll put up a closed hand, like this.

18 And with that, is Debbie Garmon here? Mackie  
19 Lindsey? Betty Eagle? Joni, it looks like Kusnierz, or  
20 maybe you can pronounce and spell it for us. Thank you.

21 MS. KUSNIERZ: Hi, my name is Joni Kusnierz,  
22 K-u-s-n-i-e-r-z.

23 I just moved to Ventura about three months ago,  
24 and I love it here. I feel so lucky having the opportunity  
25 to live by the beach. I love the community and I love the

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1 diversity of this community.

2 I was born and raised in Southern California, but  
3 never in my wildest dreams did I believe I would be able to  
4 live by the beach.

5 Two days ago -- or I'm sorry, two weeks ago, I  
6 found out that an LNG offshore facility was going to be  
7 built here, along with three large, football field tankers  
8 bringing the LNG here.

9 Because I've just found this out two weeks ago, I  
10 know I'm not fully informed. But I do know that this is big  
11 business. And I've lived long enough to know and see what  
12 big business has done to individual people, and to what it  
13 has done to the environment.

14 I believe that they are in it for the money and no  
15 matter how well they sugarcoat it, I don't believe them.

16 Please don't allow them to come here. Don't allow  
17 them to ruin the place that I've just lived here, and  
18 learned to love.

19 Thank you very much.

20 (Applause.)

21 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Clarissa Meeker?  
22 Valerie Dunwoody?

23 MS. DUNWOODY: My name is Valerie Dunwoody.  
24 Natural gas is in demand in the U.S. A new source of  
25 natural gas is needed, especially for California.

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1           Currently, California receives approximately 85  
2 percent of its natural gas from other states, which makes it  
3 more expensive to us. This project will diversify  
4 California's natural gas supply, thus bringing prices down.  
5 Since natural gas is a clean-burning, more environmentally  
6 safe source of fuel, this project is necessary and is  
7 necessary right now.

8           Thank you.

9           MODERATOR MICHAELSON: All right. The next  
10 speakers that I have on my list are Peter Terrell, Tabitha  
11 Hardy, Andy Finan, Deborah DeVries, Chance Hardy, Mary Goel,  
12 and Jinger Schroeder.

13           Peter Terrell. Yes.

14           MR. TERRELL: Thank you. My name is Peter  
15 Terrell.

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16           And just recently California's energy supply was  
17 jeopardized due a nuclear generator failure. Natural gas  
18 was used to keep the power running, in order to avoid  
19 rolling blackouts. Just to think about how much money the  
20 power company had to spend on that natural gas makes be  
21 cringe. And to think that whenever we need to get gas from  
22 elsewhere, and they know about it, how much that they can  
23 charge, because they know we do need to prevent these  
24 blackouts.

25           The power company would need to recoup this cost,

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1 and by doing that they would have to raise power bills. And  
2 I think this could be all avoided by having Cabrillo Port  
3 pumping in natural gas.

4 And I also want to say that I am all for energy  
5 saving and conservation, and I do think it would be great if  
6 we could save more energy than Cabrillo Port could supply.  
7 But I believe, if that were the case, then we would have an  
8 over-abundance of natural gas, which would lower the prices,  
9 therefore encouraging and promoting natural gas machinery  
10 and vehicles, which would only improve air quality,  
11 especially in this area.

12 I would absolutely hate to see the beautiful,  
13 year-round, California weather be compromised because we do  
14 not take proper steps right now.

15 Thank you.

16 MS. HARDY: I'm Tabitha Hardy, and I agree with  
17 both Valerie and Peter, that natural gas is a better source  
18 of power, and cleaner burning. And I'd just like to say I'm  
19 glad that BHP is taking measures to protect our environment.  
20 Thanks.

21 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Andy Finan? Deborah  
22 Devries? Chance Hardy?

23 MR. HARDY: My name's Chance Hardy.

24 And although the proposed Cabrillo Port is located  
25 far enough at sea that its visual impacts on the coast are

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1 minimal, I'm pleased to see that they're going to the extra  
2 step to reduce these impacts even further with the colors  
3 they plan to paint it on.

4 It's hard to see what more can be done to minimize  
5 the project's visual impacts, because so much is being done  
6 already. Because of its location, 14 miles offshore, there  
7 are little or no negative impacts on an LNG facility, like  
8 the Cabrillo Port, on the agricultural business.

9 However, by restraining increases in the cost of  
10 natural gas, a key component of several parts of agriculture  
11 production, building the project can only benefit Ventura  
12 County's agricultural communities.

13 Thank you.

14 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Thank you.

15 The next speakers are Mary Goel, Jinger Schroeder,  
16 Frank, it looks like Gavaller, Kevin Ward, Kawana Brown, and  
17 Terry Smith. If you could come forward, please?

18 Mary Goel? Jinger Schroeder? I'll call it again,  
19 Frank Gavaller? That's you? You're next, please. Yeah,  
20 you're up, sir. I'm sorry, I didn't make that clear.

21 MR. GAVALLER: My name is Frank Gavaller. I'm a  
22 retiree from the Southern California Gas Company. I'm a  
23 next door neighbor, here in Oxnard. I live in Camarillo,  
24 it's my retirement place.

25 As an industrial service technician in the Gas

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Thank you for the information.

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1 Company, I worked with high pressure gas, and I've worked  
2 with LNG. Contrary to some of the reports that have been  
3 made here, LNG will not, cannot, by its own nature, explode.  
4 It's a misnomer. It is transported at minus 260 degrees,  
5 must be heated before it can be vaporized, and then it must  
6 be mixed with the proper amount of oxygen in order to get an  
7 explosive mixture.

8 Now, the pressurized gas, as it will be introduced  
9 into the lines, will -- is already in place, most of it. In  
10 the city you have high pressure lines going through the  
11 city. Gas is supplied to the residences under pressure, and  
12 is regulated down so that it can be used in the residences  
13 and in commercial establishments.

14 Using gas, or transporting gas under pressure, on  
15 land has been done for a very long time, for over 50 years.  
16 I started with the Gas Company in 1953. At that time, 85  
17 percent of the gas that was sent out, or brought into the  
18 State, was imported, 15 percent was produced locally, within  
19 the State.

20 Today, over 90 percent of the natural gas is  
21 imported into the State, less than 10 percent is produced  
22 locally. And this is all very strictly controlled. The  
23 science and the safety is very closely regulated by the PUC,  
24 by different regulatory agencies, and safety is maintained  
25 by constant monitoring throughout the State and throughout



1 the cities. It's the safest form of a combustible fuel.  
2           Everybody uses it. You all have a vested interest  
3 in it, because it touches you in every way in your life.  
4 The food you cook, your bathing, with your hot water, unless  
5 you have an electric heater. Even electricity is produced  
6 by natural gas.

7           So thank you, I won't bother you anymore.

8           (Applause.)

9           MODERATOR MICHAELSON: Kevin Ward? Kawana Brown?  
10 Terry Smith?

11           MS. SMITH: Good evening. I'm Terry Smith, and my  
12 concern pertains to terrorist activities, and I'm here to  
13 let you know that this is a real threat and it is here.

14           As a private landlord, I showed my rental to a  
15 person I considered suspicious enough that I eventually  
16 reported them to the FBI. Subsequently to that, I received  
17 an e-mail warning landlords of the possibility of  
18 terrorists' plans to blow up apartment complexes, and to be  
19 aware of tenants who want to install wiring in your units.

20           This prospective tenant wanted to install two  
21 satellite dishes. I don't know why they needed two. But it  
22 would involve a lot of wiring. Luckily, he didn't rent my  
23 place. And because, subsequent to that, I was called by the  
24 FBI agent to get the information regarding this person,  
25 because I had given the name when I reported it, and they

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Thank you for the information. Table 4.2-2 and Sections 4.2.6.1 and 4.2.7.6 contain information on the threat of terrorist attacks.

1 had been hunting for him, but he keeps moving before they  
2 can catch up with him. And this is a real story.

3 As far as mitigating risk, a risk remains  
4 regardless of mitigation. The only way to remove a risk is  
5 not to allow the LNG project.

6 And also, our beaches are one of our most precious  
7 and limited resources, which we need to preserve for  
8 posterity.

9 Thank you.

10 MODERATOR MICHAELSON: The next series of  
11 speaker's cards that I have are for Damon Wing, Jane Tomach,  
12 Divine Placides, it looks like. Marcia Cummings, Miguel  
13 Gonzalez, Michelle Hoffman, Mark Papay, Esq., and  
14 Al Geverink.

15 If I called your name, if you could come up to  
16 this front row, please, and prepare to speak. Thank you.

17 The next speaker, Damon Wing.

18 MR. WING: Good evening, I'm Damon Wing, Programs  
19 Director for Ventura Coastkeeper. Thank you for coming this  
20 evening and spending several hours here, with us.

21 The impacts to the marine mammal and pelagic  
22 communities are not adequately addressed in this draft EIR.  
23 The decibel levels from both construction activities and  
24 operations are at levels that are deemed disruptive to  
25 marine mammals. While characterization of acute effects

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Project impacts on coastal ecosystems would be limited to the pipeline corridor during construction and operation (see Section 2.1). The shore crossing required for the proposed Project would be installed beneath Ormond Beach. With the proposed mitigation, the potential impacts of construction, operation, or an accident on terrestrial biological resources would be reduced to a level that is below the significance criteria.

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Impact BioMar-5 in Section 4.7.4 contains updated information on potential noise impacts on the marine environment and mitigation measures to address such impacts. Section 4.20.3.7 contains information on cumulative noise impacts on marine life.

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